

## **Lancaster Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 5/1/2018**

### **Attendees:**

- Recreation Director: Andrea Kiuru-Shepard
- Recreation Committee Members: Joe Kennedy, Win Clark, Mark Renczkowski, Ken Pagington, Jeanne Blauner, and Katie O'Riorden
- Public: Matt Hourihan, Bernie Linenkemper, Linda Cutler

### **Meeting Agenda:**

- Public Comment Period
- Scheduled Appearances and Public Hearing
- Treasurer's Report
- Recreation Director Update
- Recreation Committee Update
- Old and New Business
- Approval of Meeting Minutes

### **Meeting Summary:**

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm.

### **Public Comment:**

- Linda asks about the status of the dog park in the Nathaniel Thayer Memorial Field project.
- She expresses that she would like for there to be two dog parks in the plan- one for large dogs and one for small ones. Win shares that the plan includes two separate parks for large and small dogs.
- Win shares the phases of the park. Linda asks if the dog park could be implemented sooner. As fencing would be the main cost for the park, Jeanne adds that one could be put in for little to no cost if there are donations from people in town fueling the project.
- Linda also suggests that the dog park could be temporary if necessary.
- Win offers to meet Linda at the site of the future dog park at her convenience.

### **Scheduled Appearances:**

- Bernie Linenkemper came in regards to the adult softball league.
- Chris Cornelius and Johnna Doyle were the ones to run the league last year and they are no longer involved.
- The softball league can decide to be a part of whichever league they choose.
- Lancaster Recreation provides insurance for the players.
- The team cost is \$300 per season.
- The league provides softballs, ice packs, and a first aid kit.

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- The teams themselves will be paying for the registration fee of \$25 per team.
- The teams pay for the umpires.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

#### **OTHER PROPERTY ACCOUNT:**

DATE	SOURCE	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	COMMENTS
11/30/2017	appropriated		\$9,946.00	\$10,448.00	for Thayer Field Committee- fert., etc
4/24/2018	Dave's Septic	\$86.40		\$10,361.60	3 PPs Thayer, Mill, Memorial School
				\$10,361.60	

No activity in these accounts:

REVOLVING- BALANCE- \$50,353.93  
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE- BALANCE- \$600;  
BEACH SUPPLIES – BALANCE - \$570.98  
GROUNDSKEEPING – BALANCE- \$538.06  
NTMP ACCOUNT- BALANCE- \$74,276.69  
BEACH WAGES- BALANCE- \$327.88

- Win makes a motion to approve the budget; Ken seconds. Unanimously approved.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

- Jeanne motions to approve the minutes; Joe seconds. Unanimously approved.

### **Recreation Committee Update:**

- Youth Basketball
  - Bill Duggan is not returning to the youth basketball program next year. He would like to ask Lancaster Recreation to take it on.
  - Lancaster Recreation will continue with the registration of the teams and the players. It would also consider taking back the CORI checks to help make the transition easier.
  - Andrea will email out a previous email from Bill and one of the committee members will follow up with him.
- Beach
  - \$50 for the first resident car/ \$5 for each other car in the family
  - Beach rental fee has previously been \$20 per hour. The price will need to be raised as Lancaster Recreation was losing money. The price will need to increase to \$75 to cover costs.

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- Win makes a motion to adjust the hourly rental fee at the beach to \$75. Ken seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Those renting the beach will be allowed to do so after daily beach hours or after the beach closes for the season in August. They will need to pay ahead of time and fill out the proper paperwork.
- In case of poor weather, the event can be rescheduled. If it cannot be rescheduled, the money paid can be refunded.
- Mark updates that there is little chance that the algae has spread to big Spectacle Pond.
- The beach will open on June 22.
- Win make a motion to approve \$1500 for 2 paddleboards, paddles, 2 large life jackets, 2 medium life jackets, 2 small life jackets. Ken seconds. Unanimously approved.
- Andrea will look up the rules and regulations for paddleboards.
- \$5.00 for 30 minutes or \$10.00/hr. Price will be finalized at the June meeting.
- Trails
  - 25 people came to the Birds are Back walk.
  - The Bay Circuit Trail walk will take place May 2.
  - Jeanne will see if Tom Christopher would like to lead the Bartlet Pond walk in May.

### **Old and New Business/Recreation Director Update**

- New Programming Ideas
  - Andrea went to the Central Programming Meeting on Monday to gather ideas.
  - Andrea suggests a summer BBQ at the town green.
    - Picnic blankets, lemonade vendor, band, face painting, etc.
    - Win suggests combining it with another event such as Truck Night.
  - Jeanne wants to look into programming for the middle school kids after school hours.
    - Ken responds that the middle school already does a nice job of providing a range of opportunities for the middle schools. Win suggests talking to the principals and Jeanne suggests talking to the parents of middle schoolers. Andrea will meet with the principals from the elementary and middle school to determine where there are needs/gaps in the after-school programming.
  - Other ideas
    - Guitar Lessons- Mark may be interested in teaching a small group for beginners
    - Fishing- lessons, a derby at the reservoir
    - Theatre- Summer Theatre program
    - 5K and Beer Tent- Hire company to run the race

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- Town Wide Yard Sale- Rent out a space at the town green/ charge to have homes put on a map
  - Electronic Recycling- Town already does as part of their recycling program
  - Trails and Walks- incorporate a plant sale, bagged lunch for a fee, beginner hiking program
  - Golf Scramble- Twin Springs in the fall
  - Small Engine Repair
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- The tennis courts in town are in need to repair in order for them to be able to be used. Mark asks if they can be paved for roller hockey. Win suggests that the basketball court could be moved there as the current one will be removed for the playground.
  - Katie mentions that pickle ball was also expressed as an interest by a number of people in town and wondered if the court purpose could include that, as well.
  - Win will ask PJ Keating for an estimate on resurfacing the tennis courts to be usable in the meantime.
  - Still waiting on an applicant for the maintenance worker position.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Win makes a motion to adjourn; Ken seconds. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Next meeting is to be held on June 5 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall building.